

**CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

12. (currently amended) A rotary cutting apparatus as set forth in claim 11,  
wherein

said rotary cutting apparatus comprises a gear train positioned  
between said motor and said distal rotary shaft; and,

said gear train comprises;

a first ~~flat-gear~~spur gear coaxial with and secured connected to said  
proximal rotary shaft; and,

a second ~~flat-gear~~spur gear engaged with said first ~~flat-gear~~spur gear;

said second ~~flat-gear~~spur gear having an axial length to enable said  
first ~~flat-gear~~spur gear to keep the engagement with said first ~~flat-gear~~spur gear  
when said proximal rotary shaft is moved between said first and second positions.

Respectfully submitted,



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